



**Acton-Boxborough Special Education
Parent Advisory Council
(AB SpEd PAC)**

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 8th, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of May 11, 2016, meeting minutes

III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Director of Special Education
- B. Staffing Updates—Pam Smith Named New Director of Special Education
- C. Annual Update & 2015 Parent/Guardian Survey Findings—Presentation to School Committee at June 9th Meeting
- D. Seek Candidates & Elect New Officers
- E. PAC Goals & Priorities for 2016-2017 School Year
- F. Review & Approve Revised Open Issues

IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4th grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. *Futures Education findings RE: student to assistant ratios high by peer standards*
- C. *Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP*
- D. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- E. Enhanced Extended School Year, before-, and after-school programming
- F. Increased use of technology in IEP development/revision/communication
- G. Out of District findings from 2015 parent/guardian survey counter overall positive trend
- H. Need for consistent K-12 executive functioning curriculum

VI. Adjournment

All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website (www.abspedpac.org) for information regarding upcoming events.

VII. Next Meeting

TBD